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MOLTEN ALUMINUM

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-9. (Withdrawn)

10. (Previously presented) A method of increasing the service life of a titanium aluminide alloy in contact with a molten metallic material comprising aluminum, comprising including in the titanium aluminide alloy a rare earth element in an effective amount to prolong resistance to attack of the alloy by the molten metallic material and contacting the alloy with the molten metallic material.